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FROM USREP ICAO

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SUBJ: ICAO - PRC PARTICIPATION

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MORNING MAY 10 ORDER/BUSINESS
TELEPHONEB MAY 7, CONSIDERING CWP 5970/71 ON ASSESSMENTS MEMBER
STATES AND LOW PER CAPITA INCOME FORMULA FORWARDED MARCH 29
AND APRIL 1 RESPECTIVELY.

2. IMPORTANT ADDENDUM TO WP/5970 CIRCULATED MAY 9 IS REPEATED
HEREUNDER.

3. BARRING UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, '74 CHINA ASSESSMENT RE-
FERRED TO IN PARA 5 OF ADDENDUM CREATES SUBSTANTIAL CREDITS
FOR THIS YEAR INCLUDING US AND WILL RESULT IN US REACHING
25 PERCENT CEILING FOR NEXT TRIENNIUM WITHOUT RPT WITHOUT
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ADDITIONAL NEW MEMBERS E.G. GDR.

4. QUOTE C-WP/5970 - ADDENDUM 8/5/74

CONTRIBUTIONS BY CONTRACTING STATES AND METHODS OF ASSESSMENT
PRINCIPLES TO BE APPLIED IN THE DETERMINATION OF SCALES OF
ASSESSMENT (PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL)

1. DURING MY OFFICIAL MISSION TO PEKING RECENTLY CONCLUDED, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA MADE CERTAIN PROPOSALS REGARDING THE ASSESSMENT OF CHINA IN ICAO. THESE PROPOSALS, IF ADOPTED, WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT BEARING ON THE CALCULATION OF THE SCALES OF ASSESSMENT FOR 1975-1976-1977 AND ON COUNCIL'S STUDY OF THE LOW PER CAPITA INCOME ALLOWANCE FORMULA PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION A 19-5. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS APPROPRIATE TO CALL THESE PROPOSALS TO THE ATTENTION OF COUNCIL IN CONNECTION WITH THIS STUDY.

2. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA EXPRESSED THE DESIRE OF THEIR GOVERNMENT TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH ICAO. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT NO CONTRIBUTION HAS BEEN PAID SINCE THE DATE OF COUNCIL'S DECISION OF 19 NOVEMBER 1971 TO RECOGNIZE THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINA IN ICAO, THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSED A VOLUNTARY INCREASE IN ITS ASSESSMENT PERCENTAGE FOR 1974. IT PROPOSED THAT THE 1974 ASSESSMENT PERCENTAGE OF CHINA IN ICAO BE BASED ON THE 5.50 PERCENT ASSESSMENT OF CHINA IN THE UNITED NATIONS SUGGESTED BY CHINA AND ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT THE 28TH SESSION IN 1973. THIS PROPOSAL WAS MADE IN RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT IN THE UNITED NATIONS ASSESSMENTS ARE BASED ONLY ON ASSESSABLE NATIONAL INCOME FIGURES, WHICH IN ICAO CARRY A 75 PERCENT WEIGHT IN ASSESSMENT DETERMINATIONS, WITH CIVIL AVIATION CAPACITY ACCOUNTING FOR A WEIGHT OF 25 PERCENT.

3. THE PROPOSAL IS THAT, USING THE UNITED NATIONS ASSESSMENT OF 5.50 PERCENT AS THE BASIS FOR THE ASSESSABLE NATIONAL INCOME ELEMENT IN THE ICAO FORMULA, THE REMAINING ELEMENTS OF THE ICAO CALCULATION WOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL ICAO ASSESSMENT PRINCIPLES. THE RESULTING PERCENTAGE WOULD BE APPLIED TO THE APPROVED 1974 BUDGET FROM 15 FEBRUARY 1974; THE PAYMENT RESULTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM THE VOLUNTARY INCREASE IN THE ASSESSMENT WOULD BE DEEMED TO COVER CHINA'S OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO ICAO'S PRESENT GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 1974.

4. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSED ALSO THAT THE ASSESSMENT PERCENTAGE OF CHINA IN THE UNITED NATIONS, 5.50 PERCENT BE UTILIZED IN THE CORRESPONDING WAY IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE ASSESSMENT OF CHINA IN ICAO FOR 1975-1976-1977.

5. ON THE BASIS OF THIS PROPOSAL, SECRETARIAT CALCULATIONS
INDICATE THAT THE VOLUNTARILY INCREASED ASSESSMENT PERCENTAGE
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